

SYNNESTVEDT & LECHNER LLP RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED MAY 18, 2005

Appln. No. 09/490,268

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Acknowledgment of Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-39 and 60 are pending in the application. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, that Claims 33-39 and 60 are allowed.

Summary of Claim Rejections

Claims 26 and 29-30 are rejected as indefinite under 35 USC 112. Claims 26-28 are rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,570,554 to Searer. Claims 29 and 30 are rejected as obvious over Searer, and Claims 31 and 32 are rejected as obvious over Searer in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,606,834 to Martensson et al.

Summary

Applicant has canceled rejected Claims 26-32, rendering the rejection of these claims moot, and placing the application in condition for allowance, the remaining pending Claims 33-39 and 60 being deemed allowable by the Examiner. Applicant, therefore, requests that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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